

COLONEL RONALD L. BECKHAM

185th TAB Commander, Mississippi



Colonel Ronald L. Beckham was born in Oxford, MS on 17 July 1964. After graduating from Lafayette County High School in Oxford, MS in 1982, he enlisted and began service in the Mississippi Army National Guard on 14 September 1984. He served as a 19D Calvary Scout until he was commissioned through the University of Mississippi Reserves Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program on 19 December 1988. COL Beckham received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Mississippi on 05 August 1989.

Colonel Beckham completed Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training and Aviation Officer's Basic Course at Fort Rucker, AL on 20 November 1991 where he was recognized as the Distinguished Honor Graduate. Colonel Beckham completed the US Army Aviation

Captain's Career Course in 2002, the Combined Arms and Service Staff School in 2003, and in 2007 he completed the Command and General Staff College.

Colonel Beckham has served in numerous Staff and Command positions, to include: Commander, Company H, 1st Battalion 185th Aviation, Commander, Company D, 1st Battalion 159th Aviation; S4, 1st Battalion 185th Aviation; Personnel Officer, Special Operations Detachment – South; Assistant S3/Airspace Coordination Officer, 185th Aviation Group where he served and forward deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2005; Executive Officer, 1st Battalion 185th Aviation; Commander, 1st Battalion 185th Aviation where he served and forward deployed in Kosovo in support of KFOR-9 from 2007 to 2008 and to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn from 2010 to 2011; COL Beckham's most recent assignment was Branch Chief, Joint Forces Headquarters – Mississippi.